

**MINUTES From the March 27, 2026 Meeting of the 2027 RICHMOND CONVENTION
COMMITTEE**

6pm: Meeting Open

Serenity Prayer

Traditions:

1. Our common welfare should come first; couple recovery depends upon RCA unity.
2. For our group purpose there is but one ultimate authority, a loving God as known in our group conscience. Our leaders are but trusted servants; they do not govern.

2) Introductions/Roll call: **Present were Ruth & Debbie, John and Val, Anne and Scott, Jim Krag, and Buddy and Jennifer**

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2/27/2026 **Unanimously Approved**

4) OPEN ISSUES

Possibility of September/October dates instead of July **Ruth made a motion and Debbie Seconded it to vote to keep the July dates for the convention. The motion was unanimously approved.**

i) Report/answers from research **Research showed that it would be a lot more expensive to hold the convention in September**

ii) Motion for dates **Original July dates were kept as per above motion**

5) NEW BUSINESS

a) Admin lead position open (secretary). Volunteer for service? **Ruth asked for a volunteer and no one volunteered for the permanent position, although Jennifer volunteered to be the secretary for tonight's meeting.**

b) Meals **Ruth stated that it would be easy to meet our \$1200 food minimum with 80 – 100 couples. Ruth and John will meet before our next meeting to come up with the Convention Registration fee, and to look at food options such as plated meals, serving a group lunch and breakfasts, and elimination of unlimited coffee and sodas, but possibly offering fruit juice.**

a. Box lunch Friday board meeting

b. Buffet Dinner Saturday evening - **question of plated banquet**

c. Unlimited coffee/tea/soda Saturday – **there was discussion about whether to eliminate this in lieu of unlimited water**

c) Cost for In-person couple **To be determined by Ruth and John based on food decisions**

a. Option of Banquet or not? (\$50?) **plated meal under discussion**

d) Cost for Virtual couple **Anne suggested that this cost be determined once more detail is available. It was agreed that \$75 - \$50 could be the possible cost based on our electronics needs**

6) Theme? Tag line? (Bridging our recovery)? **Ruth and Debbie spoke up for the theme of Bridging our recovery, and Jennifer proposed “Virginia is for Couples,” or “Virginia is for Loving Couples.”**

7) Logo ideas **These were not yet discussed as they would be dependent on our theme**

8) Submission OK to WSO?

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9) Volunteers for positions? What is your passion? **John wanted to know what does the commitment involve, and noted that we only had 5 couples tonight. Ruth stated that now that we are actually the 2027 Convention, that more couples including the Trailblazer would come on board to help. There was also consideration about changing our meeting date, but it was decided to keep Fridays until more folks come on board.**

Teams:

Administrative

Web team

- Registration
 - Programing
 - Venue coordination Team
 - Marketing: Logo/banner, printed information, giveaways
 - Hospitality & volunteers
 - Food/meals
 - Silent Auction/ra^{le}?
 - Tech Team
- 10) Invite participation
- Local groups?
 - Trailblazers

11) ADJOURN – **We adjourned at 7:30 with the Unity Prayer and agreed to keep the last Friday of the month for our meetings for now.**

Next team Meeting: (Last Friday of month) April 24, 2026 6pm EST

Respectfully submitted on March 28, 2026 by Jennifer irw Buddy